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WHY SHOULD I ENROLL IN AN IDACS CLASS?

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Indiana Administrative Code 240 IAC 5-2-11 mandates all IDACS Terminal/MDD Operators and Coordinators be trained and tested for proficiency at operating the IDACS terminal. Additionally, all users should consider the following reasons for participating in IDACS training.

The first reason for training is to keep you informed in all areas of IDACS, NCIC and NLETS. Our system continues to advance on a monthly basis. Users need to know the most current information available on the system and how to access it.

Second, each operator must be trained on system rules and regulations. In addition to available information, users should also be aware of the sanctions placed upon an agency for misuse of system data. And, let's not forget the potential officer safety.

The third reason for training is civil liability. Numerous

lawsuits have been filed throughout the country because of improper training of system users.

Whether you are a full/part time user or an administrator at your agency, it's your responsibility to know and understand procedures, regulations, liability issues and proper utilization of the system.

HOW DO I SIGN UP FOR AN IDACS CLASS?

The IDACS Operator/Coordinator Certification Programs were implemented in 1986 and revised in 2006 with IDACS Committee approval. If you are interested in attending an IDACS class contact your agency head or agency coordinator. **All requests for class enrollment must be submitted in writing to the IDACS Section from your agency head or agency coordinator.**

Schools are held at various locations around the State throughout the calendar year.

Class schedules are posted on the IDACS Web page or in OMNIXX. Full Operators attend class for three days. Inquiry Operators attend class for one full day plus one half day. Coordinators attend class for a half day. All classes start at 0830 local time. Exams are administered on the final day of each class.

Lesson plans are furnished for all participants. **Students are reminded to bring their own highlighters, pencils and note paper.**

Complete information for the IDACS Training and Certification Program is available on the IDACS Web page or in OMNIXX.



WoodChipper Plates and Titles

A recent question came from an out-of-state agency regarding plates and titles on wood chippers. The BMV was contacted and the following information was given to the inquiring agency.



If a wood chipper is used on a daily routine for a business and is on the roads, it does need to be titled and plated as a weighted trailer.

As of July 1, 2005, Indiana Code 9-13-2-77 has been amended to read from Implement of Husbandry to "Implement of Agriculture". Implement of Agriculture means: agricultural implements pull type and self propelled used for the following:

1. Transport
2. Delivery
3. Application of crop inputs, including seed, fertilizers and crop protection products and vehicles designed to transport these types of agricultural implements.

The bureau shall determine by rule under IC 4-22-2 whether a category of implement of agriculture was designed to be operated primarily;

1. In a farm field or on farm premises or
2. on a highway.

Implements of Agriculture exempt from registration are:

1. Anhydrous ammonia tanks
2. Nurse tanks (must transport fertilizer and not water)

Spreader type plates and are prohibited from the following:

1. Operation on an Indiana highway (IC 9-21-8-46)
2. Operation for hire or as a commercial vehicle (IC 9-29-5-13)

If portable saw mills or well drilling machinery qualifies for a special machinery plate, they will be exempt from titling. However, if they do not qualify for a special machinery plate, they will be titled and plated with weighted truck or trailer plates.

1. Agriculture implements with floatation tires
2. Any other implement of agriculture that the bureau determines is designed to be operated in a farm field or on farm premises or on the highway.
3. Farm tractors (John Deere type)
4. Combines, motorized and non motorized sprayers
5. Tandem and offset disks tillage implements (chisel plows, mulch tillers and rippers, disk rippers, row crop rippers and v-rippers)
6. Seeding carts (air seeding system)
7. Planters, till drills
8. Harvesters (choppers, blowers and wagons)
9. Balers, rotary cutters
10. Weigh wagons



Indiana Code 9-13-2-170.3 is added to the Indiana Code as a "new" section to read as follows: Special Machinery is defined as a "portable saw mill" or "well drilling machinery" and shall be registered, plated with special machinery plates and are prohibited from the following:

1. Operation on an Indiana highway (IC 9-21-8-46)
2. Operation for hire or as a commercial vehicle (IC 9-29-5-13)

If portable saw mills or well drilling machinery qualifies for a special machinery plate, they will be exempt from titling. However, if they do not qualify for a special machinery plate, they will be titled and plated with weighted truck or trailer plates.

The NCIC Sex Offender File

The NCIC Sex Offender File allows officers on traffic stops to know they have a registered offender detained. It allows investigators to do name, zip code, active and expired sex offender searches for investigative purposes. The Sex Offender web sites cannot be checked on every driver license and registration check, but the NCIC Sex Offender File will be checked automatically. One problem for many operators that enter Sex Offenders into the system is the inability to obtain the offenders FBI number, a required field in NCIC entries.

If after inquiring into the III and CHRI Files a FBI number is not obtained, the Indiana State Police Records Division can help. Contact Susie Bryant 317-232-8267 or SBryant@isp.IN.gov for assistance.

Following are 4 scenarios to demonstrate the type of assistance or situation:

An inquiry is made by the entering/registering agency and an Indiana SID is obtained, but no FBI number is with the record. The Records Division can find the original fingerprint cards for that SID number and submit it to FBI to obtain an FBI number. This is usually an older record that did not get submitted to FBI originally.

Second, an offender is inquired upon, and no record or prints are on file. If the inquiring/registering agency has

the original fingerprint card that had not been submitted, it can now be submitted and the FBI and SID numbers can be obtained. If the original Sex Offense fingerprint card is unavailable, but an original fingerprint card from another criminal offense is, then this could possibly be used.

Third, the inquiring/registering agency does not have any fingerprint cards for the offender. Then a check with the Department of Corrections, or other agencies, will have to be made to locate a set of prints. If any are located then the Records Division can possibly assign SID and FBI numbers and advise the agency.

Fourth, the Records Division will request if the inquiring/registering agency can obtain a set of prints from the offender, and process the card. This is only if the inquiring/registering agency is able to have the offender agree to give another set of prints.

These are just possible scenarios; each can be handled on a case by case basis. The important thing to remember is, for the public, the officer on the street, and the investigator in Indiana or any other state, good complete and accurate Sex Offender Web Sites, and NCIC Sex Offender File entries help everyone. Please contact Susie Bryant or the IDACS section with any questions on the NCIC Sex Offender File, and obtaining the necessary information to complete the entry.

What do you do when the record is ready to be validated or the Sex Offender at re-registration time has left the area and has failed to notify any law enforcement agency of his departure or new location? During the last NCIC Audit, it was suggested an agency validate the record, and add comments to the MIS field such as, in violation has relocated without notification, or current address unknown, has left our jurisdiction without notification. This leaves the subject in the file for investigation purposes. If the subject is located on a traffic stop or investigation, the system notifies the inquiring agency of the record and failure to comply.

Most questions on the Sex



Offender File can be located in the on line NCIC Manual, or by calling IDACS during normal business hours.



IDACS Welcomes Regina Blakey

The IDACS Section and Criminal Justice Data Division would like to welcome Regina Blakey to our staff. She has worked for the Indiana State Police since September 20th 1976 as a File Clerk and later became a Supervisor. Recent changes in the Vehicle Crash Section gave Regina the opportunity to transfer to our division, which she accepted. We look forward to working with her and she looks forward to meeting and working with agencies throughout the State.

Coordinators and User ID Requests

It has been an on going priority of the IDACS section to keep coordinators and their users informed of changes. It has also been a priority to gather information needed to keep the system easier to manage and use.

We do appreciate everyone's efforts to help us gather information to fill in missing statistics. There are a few techniques that are crucial to making sure users are being en-

tered correctly.

The request letter that a coordinator includes with the fingerprint card and challenge question is **VERY** important. It is important that each users level of certification needed is stated and if there is a special way a users ID is to be entered, **PLEASE** put that on the request letter as well.

There are instructions and an example for all coordinators

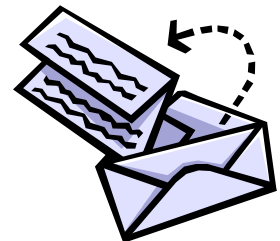
to follow when requesting new users and requesting clearance. We ask any coordinator that has never seen this and does not currently have a copy to contact the IDACS section at (317) 232-8292 and request a copy by fax or mail.

MDD Operator Challenge Question

Due to the on-line testing, it is required that all MDD operators supply IDACS with a challenge question. When these operators are attempting to log onto the system to re-certify, they are required to have a user ID and password for OMNIXX. If these operators are expired, they are required to have a challenge question to receive a new password.

These questions should be submitted in separate envelopes with the question and answer, with the name of the operator.

All questions are to be submitted as on a normal basis. Each challenge question is user-confidential, logical, and are to be G-rated.



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Protection Order Registry



The Indiana Supreme Court has partnered with the Criminal Justice Institute and the Indiana State Police to receive a \$259,000 federal grant to create a statewide Protection Order Registry (POR) modeled after Connecticut's successful online registry.

In 2005, more than 83 Hoosiers died as the result of domestic violence and more than 9,000 adults and children went to an emergency shelter because it was not safe to stay at home. In Marion County alone almost 3,000 women sought Protection Orders against a current or former dating partner in 2005, representing an annual increase of 10 percent. Protection Orders are a significant tool to help protect victims of violence and their families, but court orders are ineffective unless the information reaches local and state law enforcement officers who need to enforce them.

The new Indiana Protection Order Registry will link all Indiana courts issuing a Protection Order or a No-Contact Order with existing databases—the State Police's Indiana Data and Communication System (IDACS) and the FBI's National Crime Information Center (NCIC)—to ensure all Protection Orders are entered and available immediately, enhancing the effectiveness of law enforcement officers by:

- Accelerating information-sharing by providing complete records in a timely fashion
- Ensuring accuracy and consistency while enhancing state and national databanks
- Reducing the workload on local law enforcement who must currently type information into IDACS

While addressing domestic violence is more complex than just issuing Protection Orders, this Protection Order Registry is a necessary step forward. Furthermore, this partnership between the Executive and Judicial branches of Indiana government demonstrates that state leaders recognize the importance of protecting victims from real danger by ensuring that each order is timely and effectively managed and not just another "piece of paper".

HOW IT WORKS

When orders are issued, two things will happen immediately:

1. The Order will be electronically entered into the system and shared with IDACS and NCIC within minutes, and
2. Notice of the Order will be faxed to the local law enforcement agencies where the parties live and work.

This will ensure that all relevant law enforcement agencies are immediately notified when a Protection Order or No-Contact Order is issued, modified or revoked. An additional benefit is that because the Order is checked for completeness and accuracy when it goes into the POR, it will also be registered with NCIC, offering protection across state lines as well as within Indiana.

JTAC is currently installing the data center infrastructure and, beginning in January of 2007, will start to construct the interface between the Indiana Protection Order Registry and IDACS. Deployment for the first the three pilot counties is scheduled to begin early next year. Current funding under the grant will provide the deployment of the POR to the three pilot and 18 additional counties. JTAC's next step is to identify additional funding to deploy Indiana's Protection Order Registry in all 92 counties. (cont on page 7)

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WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

“Law enforcement officers can be most efficient and effective when they have complete and timely information. This registry will add an important tool to assist them in their efforts to protect those at-risk for domestic violence,” said Indiana State Police Superintendent Dr. Paul E. White-sell.

Michael Cunegin, Executive Director of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute also stated, “As a former law enforcement officer, I know the crucial time following the entering of a Protection Order, typically on a Friday afternoon, is the first 24 hours. With this new system, the order will be entered into the registry before the petitioner leaves the courthouse.”

IDACS Welcomes Tracey Matson

The IDACS Section and Criminal Justice Data Division would like to welcome Tracey Matson to our staff. She has worked for the Indiana State Police since April 21, 1994 as a Dispatcher from the Lowell State Police Post. Besides being a Dispatcher, Tracey also helped with training of new dispatchers and was the Assistant Coordinator. She has accepted the position for IDACS Trainer overseeing Area I. We look forward to working with her and she looks forward to meeting and working with agencies throughout the State.



Public Safety Telecommunications Course

The Indiana State Police Communications Division would like to announce changes to the Public Safety Telecommunications Course held at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. The course calendar is under construction at this time, however when completed will be posted in the IDACS Newsletter, IPSC (Safe-T) Newsletter, the Indiana APCO website and the ILEA website.

The 2007 classes will consist of:

- APCO curriculum presented by Donna Decker, ISP Dispatcher for thirty (30) years,
- Fire Communications: Kathy Robison, Indianapolis Fire Department,
- National Weather: Sever weather signs and the proper reporting procedures,
- Lifeline: “How to request a medical helicopter and landing Zones safety information.

- Indiana Missing Children’s Clearinghouse: Amber Alert (criteria and procedures).
- Interoperability: IPSC (Hoosier Safe-T).

Further information will be posted as soon as available. If you have any questions send an email to kdigin@isp.IN.gov

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The IDACS Section would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday. The dates for the next committee meeting will be posted on the next issue of the IDACS News Quarterly for 2007.

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